

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-30 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 13, 15-16, 20-21, and 28 have been amended. Claims 1, 7, 13, and 21 are independent. Claims 2-6, 8-12, 14-20, and 22-30 depend from independent claims 1, 7, 13, and 21, respectively.

The Applicant requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing on a television screen within a home, access to selected ones of a plurality of media files stored outside of the home, the method comprising:

associating, outside of the home, a plurality of key ~~sequences~~codes with a corresponding plurality of media files, each of said plurality of key codes corresponding to a plurality of key sequences;

receiving one of said plurality of key sequences via manual input within the home; and

communicating one of the plurality of media files for display on the television screen, said one of said plurality of media files corresponding to at least one of said associated plurality of key ~~sequences~~codes.

2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising determining whether said received one of said received plurality of key sequences is associated with an existing function for media exchange.

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 2, comprising, if said received one of said received plurality of key sequences is associated with said existing function for media exchange, requesting at least one media file associated with said existing function for media exchange.

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 2, comprising, if said received one of said received plurality of key sequences is associated with said existing function for media exchange, receiving at least one media file associated with said existing function for media exchange.

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 2, comprising, if said received one of said received plurality of key sequences is associated with said existing function for media exchange, displaying at least one media file associated with said existing function for media exchange.

6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising notifying a user of said one of said plurality of key sequences that is associated with a function for media exchange.

7. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable storage having stored thereon, a computer program having at least one code section for providing on a television screen within a home, access to selected ones of a plurality of media files stored outside of the home, the at least one code section being executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform steps comprising:

associating, outside of the home, a plurality of key ~~sequences~~codes with a corresponding plurality of media files, each of said plurality of key codes corresponding to a plurality of key sequences;

receiving one of said plurality of key sequences via manual input within the home; and

communicating one of the plurality of media files for display on the television screen, said one of said plurality of media files corresponding to at least one of said associated plurality of key ~~sequences~~codes.

8. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 7, comprising code for determining whether said received one of said received plurality of key sequences is associated with an existing function for media exchange.

9. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 8, comprising code for requesting at least one media file associated with said existing function for media exchange, if said received one of said received plurality of key sequences is associated with said existing function for media exchange,.

10. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 8, comprising code for receiving at least one media file associated with said existing function for media exchange, if said received one of said received plurality of key sequences is associated with said existing function for media exchange.

11. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 8, comprising code that causes display of least one media file associated with said existing function for media exchange, if said received one of said received plurality of key sequences is associated with said existing function for media exchange.

12. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 7, comprising code for notifying a user of said one of said plurality of key sequences that is associated with a function for media exchange.

13. (Currently Amended) A method for providing media content, the method comprising:

receiving a key code corresponding to at least one media exchange function associated with a media program generated by a third (3rd) party provider of media, said key code corresponding to at least one key sequence, and said key code associated with said media program;

communicating one or both of said key code and data representative of said key code to said third (3rd) party media provider; and

in response to said communicated one or both of said key code associated with said media program and data representative of said key code, receiving media content of said media program, said media content corresponding to said key code and said at least one media exchange function from at least said third (3rd) party media provider.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, comprising determining whether said key code is associated with an existing media exchange function.

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14, comprising, if said key code is associated with said existing media exchange function, requesting said received media content corresponding to said key code and said at least one media exchange function from said third (3rd) party media provider.

16. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14, comprising, if said key code is unassociated with said existing media exchange function, initiating the creation of a new media exchange function corresponding to said key code.

17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, comprising transferring said received media content corresponding to said key code and said at least one media exchange function from said third (3rd) party media provider to a media processing system.

18. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, comprising presenting at least a portion of said received media content corresponding to said key code and said at least one media exchange function to said user.

19. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, comprising displaying at least a portion of said received media content corresponding to said key code and said at least one media exchange function on a television screen of said media processing system.

20. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 13, comprising notifying a user of availability of said key code associated with [[a]]said media program generated by said third (3rd) party media provider.

21. (Currently Amended) A system for providing media content, the system comprising:

at least one processor that receives a key code corresponding to at least one media exchange function associated with a media program generated by a third (3rd) party media provider, said key code corresponding to at least one key sequence, and said key code associated with said media program;

said at least one processor communicates one or both of said key code and data representative of said key code to said third (3rd) party media provider; and

in response to said communicated at least one of said key code associated with said media program and data representative of said key code, said at least one processor receives media content of said media program, said media content corresponding to said key code and said at least one media exchange function from at least said third (3rd) party media provider.

22. (Original) The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor determines whether said key code is associated with an existing media exchange function.

23. (Original) The system according to claim 22, wherein said at least one processor requests said received media content corresponding to said key code and said at least one media exchange function from said third (3rd) party media provider, if said key code is associated with said existing media exchange function.

24. (Original) The system according to claim 22, wherein said at least one processor initiates the creation of a new media exchange function corresponding to said key code, if said key code is unassociated with said existing media exchange function.

25. (Original) The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor transfers said received media content corresponding to said key code and said at least one media exchange function from said third (3rd) party media provider to a media processing system.

26. (Original) The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor causes at least a portion of said received media content corresponding to said key code and said at least one media exchange function to be presented to said user.

27. (Original) The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor causes at least a portion of said received media content corresponding to said key code and said at least one media exchange function to be displayed on a television screen of said media processing system.

28. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor notifies a user of availability of said key code associated with [[a]]said media program generated by said third (3rd) party media provider.

29. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 21, comprising receiving said key code generated by one or more of a remote control device, a keyboard, a scanning device and an audio processing device.

30. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor is one or more of a media processing system processor, a media management system processor, a computer processor, a media exchange software processor and or a media peripheral processor.